

# EDITORIALS

## Toward More Unity

The decision of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce to seat representatives of the city's various residential areas on the group's board of directors is a very commendable gesture and should go a long way toward solving one of the city's most perplexing problems: The lack of a feeling of unity among the city's several isolated sections.

To have such areas as Walteria-Ellinwood, Hollywood Riviera, and North Torrance represented as directors of the local Chamber of Commerce should help distribute the load of civic planning to the thousands of residents who live away from the downtown area.

Such a move might lead to the desire on the part of Torrance residents to feel they are a part of Torrance to the extent that some sections may wish to have their mail address listed as Torrance, instead of getting their mail through a neighboring city's post office, which they now prefer.

## A Better Package

The new package offered the city of Torrance by developers of the Palos Verdes area for annexation was improved considerably in the opinion of this newspaper with the addition of commercial and industrial areas which will provide the city with a source of revenue other than taxes on homes.

The City Council was rightly cool toward annexing more homes. This city has a potential tract home development which will meet the needs of the city without annexing more territory.

There is a need, tax-wise, for additional commercial and industrial property. The new annexation proposal revealed by City Manager George Stevens at last week's Council meeting may offer just what the city needs along this line.

The area will lend itself, also, to a residential development sorely needed in Torrance. That is the development of suburban, executive homes where the leaders of business and industry can reside. With this in mind, it might be well for the Council to keep the developers advised from the start that if the area is annexed to Torrance, the city will insist on a lot minimum in the area of not less than 9000 square feet and preferably 10,000 or 12,000 square feet.

Such a development would be an asset to the city and is actually needed.

## The Battle Against TB

Torrance can be proud of the progress that has been made against tuberculosis in the 50 years since the Tuberculosis Assn. began its work. Not only do statistics bear this out, but a check back into the history of our families and friends gives us the picture. In 1904, tuberculosis was within the personal experience of almost every family—and the old-timers among us can remember what a tragic burden it was to friends and relatives.

Today, it is not so common to know people who have tuberculosis, and we might be inclined to forget that 400,000 people in this country have it right now. The Los Angeles County Tuberculosis and Health Assn. reminds us of this and of what needs to be done to keep tuberculosis on the retreat.

This is no time to slacken our efforts. To make full use of the advantage we have gained, we must carry on the fight against tuberculosis at full strength.

You help fight tuberculosis by buying and using Christmas Seals, the sole source of funds of your local TB association. Money from the sale of Christmas Seals is used in a four-point TB control program of case-finding, rehabilitation, medical research, and health education.

## Safe Driving Day

Motorists from coast to coast are being asked to make next Wednesday a Safe Driving Day—the ultimate goal being an accident-free day in America.

Here in Torrance, motorists can do their part in the nationwide campaign by being extra careful on that day in a genuine effort to give Torrance a clean record to present to the officials of the S-D Day campaign.

It also would be a good idea to start the campaign today—and then keep it up right on through the holiday season and make it No. 1 on your New Year's Resolution list. Driving hazards have increased tremendously during the past few years and more caution on the part of the driver is demanded to cut down the bloody accident toll of the nation.

## Wastin' Your Time, Son—



## THE MAIL BOX

(The Torrance Herald welcomes expressions from its readers which can be published on this page. The editors retain the right to edit the copy for matters of libel and good taste. Letters should be kept brief and must be signed. The writer's name will be withheld if requested. Opinions expressed in letters here published represent those of the writer and not necessarily those of the Torrance Herald.)

### For More Action

Editor, Torrance Herald: It seems as if Joe McCarthy has finally told the story of his long "fight" against communism. Defending his attack on President Eisenhower, he commented: "I had to say something."

That seems to be the story of his career—he had to say something, whether or not it had any sound basis in fact. In some four years of chasing communists, McCarthy has yet to catch one that any court will convict.

It is amazing that with the hundreds of thousands of dollars that McCarthy has spent, he has not been able to prove his charges against any of the countless persons he has summoned before his committee. Think how many FBI agents could have been hired with the money that has been spent.

He has tried to claim credit for the Alger Hiss and Harry Dexter White cases, but these were due to Richard Nixon's and Herbert Brownell's work rather than McCarthy's.

McCarthy has tried to claim that his was the only sound program against communism. But what is his program—aside from a completely negative one?

No American wants communists in government. If McCarthy has made Americans aware of the dangers, he has done a service. But his services are more than overbalanced by the hate and fear and smear campaign he has let loose. Let's get rid of communists. McCarthy hasn't done anything but talk about it, and it does not look as if he knows what he is talking about.

Yours for less talk and more action,  
ELMO J. TUTTLE

### Cake Recipe

Editor, Torrance Herald: Let me say "thank you" for your wonderful cake recipes. I lost my recipe, and the one printed in your paper recently was simply out of this world. I baked it for my little girl's birthday party. More power to the recipe column!  
Mrs. Wadsworth P. Quinn

### New High School

Editor, Torrance Herald: I see in your paper that a money may be needed to build a new high school in South Torrance. Although our taxes are high, I think we should all support our schools. Living in Walteria, I know how our town is growing. I have never seen anything like it. I have two youngsters who will soon be of high school age, and I know that the present school board seems to be doing a good job with what they have.  
Torrance is growing so fast

that it is hard to know just where to get money to build the next school. I do know that I don't like the idea of high school students on double session.  
Mrs. ELEANOR L. KLAUVE

### Welcome Criticism

Editor, Torrance Herald: This letter is to express the appreciation of the members of the Legislature to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations, and other public media of California for the excellent job which was accomplished largely through you in explaining to the people the salary increase measure for members of the Legislature. It is the feeling of the membership of both houses that without your cooperation, the success and the votes would not have been possible.

We hope we may count on your continuing interest in the improvement of the legislative processes. We would welcome any instructive criticism or suggestion.  
JAMES W. SILLIMAN  
Speaker of the Assembly  
CLARENCE C. WARD  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

### Some Sound Advice

Editor, Torrance Herald: Assemblyman Charles Chapel, writing in your paper today (Thursday, Dec. 2) asked for some advice on juvenile delinquency. I have just one bit of advice: Make parents responsible for ALL acts of minors.  
RALPH MENDEBHALL

### Wrong-Way Drivers

Editor, Torrance Herald: Last week my small boy and myself were nearly knocked down by a driver coming the wrong way out of an alley in the downtown area. He skidded to a stop just in time, and then glared at me because I yelled at him. So I started to notice just how many drivers go the wrong way on these one-way alleys, and counted five in 20 minutes. Can't the police department either start giving tickets to these drivers, or let's have the signs taken down.  
Mrs. George Bordisch

### Keep Trees Green

Editor, Torrance Herald: With Christmas tree time almost here, I thought some of your readers would like to know my plan for keeping a tree fresh for many weeks. I put my tree in a three-gallon can with water well saturated with sugar, and then build a frame around the can to hold the tree in place. It has kept a tree green for three weeks. It's easy and a cheap way to keep your tree.  
Roger J. Crumport

## The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

Our friend and neighbor, Bob Lewellen, thinks he might have started something when he announced this morning that he is ready for the city to turn on the parking meters. On the front counter in his print shop in the HERALD Building, Lewellen has placed a box of pennies with a note which reads:

These Are PARKING METER PENNIES For Your Use While You Are Our Customer HELP YOURSELF

He has no idea what this gimmick is going to cost him, but he'll have a report for us at the end of 90 days.

Reporter Dick Friend who looked over the letters received by some of the State's courts said we left out a couple of the better ones last Thursday. So here are a couple more of the letters brought to our attention by South Bay Clerk Ernie Stout:

Honorable:

I regret to say that I may not be able to appear in court as I am unemployed and penniless. For nine years I have been trying to cure myself of neuritis, sinus, berititis, and gas pressure by staying in the hills. I beg your honor to be lenient until I find work.

P. S. Please try not to locate me at my permanent address as I am mentioning above I am mostly out in the desert or up in the hills somewhere.

Dear Police:

I forgot to put the car in and my husband's mad at me and you are too. He says he pays for his "stupid mistakes" with the car out of his \$10 monthly personal so I will have to pay for mine out of my \$10 monthly personal. I hope I don't forget again.

Started getting your Christmas cards yet? Bet you haven't received one like the gang at Whittlesey Motors got Saturday morning.

Delivered to the personnel of the agency was a huge white envelope, measuring about two by three feet, complete with a huge purple facsimile of a three-cent stamp, cancellation, and address. When the envelope was opened, out came the world's biggest Christmas card. It was about 50 feet long and three feet tall.

You might know who sent it—it was Sign Painter Gale Hunn.  
Mrs. Raymond B. Smythe

## OUT OF THE PAST

From the Files of the Torrance Herald

### 30 YEARS AGO

December, 1924

Two former Torrance policemen and a Hermosa Beach attorney were on trial for extorting money from five men. The men admitted taking the money "to save the defendant's court expenses." Also involved in the testimony were several city officials. Plans for a big "buy-in-Torrance" campaign during Christmas were initiated with distribution of coupons for free gifts from merchants.

### 10 YEARS AGO

December, 1944

The population of Torrance had climbed to 14,000, city officials reported. Plans were announced for construction of a park in Pueblo, on 203rd St. Trailer dwellers living outside authorized parks were facing court action. The bus and street maintenance departments were squabbling over who should have priority in use of the city garage. Citizens were praising recent initiation of a Torrance-Lomita bus line.

### 20 YEARS AGO

December, 1934

The city was considering plans to widen and improve El Prado from 28th St. to Normandie Ave. The Torrance Democratic Club protested plans of the city to buy the local water system. City fathers were accepting bids for a new steel water tower to be located near 190th St. and Cedar Ave. Torrance firemen announced plans to give away 600 pounds of candy to local youngsters for Christmas. Lomita Chevrolet dealer Ed Thompson announced that he was moving his car agency to Torrance. Although hard hit by the depression, a local realtor reported that business was steadily improving.

## It's Your Country

By JOHN BECK

Result of Censure COUP DE GRACE: In its effort to destroy Senator McCarthy the Eisenhower clique appears to have administered the coup de grace to a Republican party already dying of left-wing internationalist poison. Perhaps this was the ultimate objective planned by the "little inner circle" as a means by which they could more quickly subject this nation to Communist-dominated world government as conceived by the United Nations Organization.

Or perhaps it was merely the chosen method for the active expression of personal animosities held toward McCarthy by members of the executive branch and their questionable friends and cronies.

In either event the net result is the same. Obviously the Republican party is split, with only about half its senate membership standing with an executive department which has broken its campaign promises, overstepped its Constitutional authority, sacrificed American interests, appeased the Communists, failed to provide Constitutional protection for American servicemen, brought undue pressure upon the senate and dishonor upon its party label.

The Republican senators who have stood steadfastly upon principle and refused to yield to executive and left-wing pressure may be able to wrest control of their party from those elements which have so thoroughly disgraced it. But it is exceedingly doubtful whether a majority of Americans can ever again look with confidence and respect upon the once honorable Republican label.

FINAL TOUCH: The final touch was added by Mr. Eisenhower himself when he publicly praised Senator Watkins, the openly anti-McCarthy and therefore hand-picked chairman of the censure committee, for doing a "very splendid job." This is the type of thing at which the American stomach revolts.

The Democratic party stands even more disgraced in the eyes of the pro-American public. As if the machinations of the Roosevelt and Truman administrations were not enough to place the indelible stamp of left-wing radicalism upon that party, it must be recorded to their everlasting shame that each and every Democrat present voted with the Republican administration's hatchet men, thus taking their stand with the Communists, fellow travelers, and internationalists on the issues involved.

And what were those issues? As was correctly pointed out by the Committee on Un-American Activities, "Ten Million Americans" and by the 22 Republican senators who had the courage to stand up for their principles, McCarthy himself was not the real issue. Unjust, vicious, and despicable as his treatment was, the real issues were much more far-reaching.

VITAL ISSUES: At stake was the dignity of the senate, its power, and the right of its members to freedom of speech. At stake was the Constitutional right and duty of congressional committees to inquire into acts of the executive branch. At stake was the system of American jurisprudence which requires the admission of all relevant evidence before an unprejudiced judge and jury. At stake was the recognized principle that no court has the right or power to take ex post facto action. At stake was the interpretation of the attitude of our executive department and our senate toward the Communist world conspiracy.

These were the issues; and upon them rests the strength, the freedom, the sovereignty, the integrity, and the very moral fiber of our government and our nation, as well as the power of our Constitution itself.

We have seen these vital issues decided, and these American principles desecrated, on the grounds of trumped-up charges springing from personal hatreds, partisan politics, and—more tragically—from the propagandist line of the Communist party.

BETRAYAL: With this and many previous betrayals of trust by the controlling elements of both the Republican and Democrat parties, all Americans except those of left-wing or internationalist persuasion are virtually infuriated. It is for this reason that the Constitution party insists upon the support of all Americans who believe in Constitutional government and who demand the protection of American sovereignty, lives, rights, principles, and property.

The recent publicity given the Constitution party for its forthright stand on these issues, and for its protest against the McCarthy censure, has brought a flood of approving messages from people all over the United States and even from some abroad. This response, coming from Republicans and Democrats alike, demonstrates the highly significant fact that such Americans, long silenced by political chicanery, are now determined that their government shall no longer be tainted by Communism and Socialism, nor be subverted by the one-world ambitions of left-wing internationalists.

Attempts will be made to raise the ghost of our two-party system under its present labels. But no amount of the soothing oil of political expediency, no matter who pours it, can heal the wounds inflicted by those who have surrendered to foreign ideologies and forgotten the principles of American liberty and justice. The scars are too deep and the red stains will not wash out.

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## Reflections

By J. HUGH SHERFEE, JR.

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MAIL 'EM EARLY  
"I think I'd make a good miser," a friend commented. "It's fun to shop, bring toys and pretty things home these goats as I handle them, as a miser would count his coins." This man is like many others who procrastinate, wait for a convenient time to wrap and dispatch these pretty things to distant points. What happens?

At Christmas time the personnel in our Postal Service does a superhuman job. When parcels pour into the office from distant points and we pour boxes going to distant points, in spite of all that can be done there is error, confusion and damaged packages. How much easier for all concerned if that peak could be rolled out, flattened, have our parcels handled quickly, with the utmost care, over a longer period of time.

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THINGS TO TALK ABOUT BY FRANKLIN J. MEINE Editor, American Peoples Encyclopedia  
PILCHERDS, COMMERCIALLY KNOWN AS SHRIMPES, ARE A PROLIFIC FISH. THE FEMALE MAY LAY MORE THAN 100,000 EGGS DURING A SPAWNING SEASON.  
DADDY!  
The Secretary bird, an African bird of prey, is so named because the tuft of plumes at the back of its head bears a supposed resemblance to the old-fashioned pen placed behind a clerk's ear.  
SCHERZO, A TERM EMPLOYED IN PARTICULAR MUSICAL PASSAGES, IS THE ITALIAN WORD FOR JOKE.  
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